On long term lease	*No. of Helicopters*
Secretary of Public Deptt. Govt. of Tamilnadu	
Directorate of Civil Aviation	
Govt. of Maharastra	
Indus Vally Enterprise	
Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	
Modi Alkalies Ltd	
DLF Universal	
Sh. Rajesh Pilot, Minister of Communication	
BOB Air	
Hukam Chand & Party	
B.H.E.L.	
D.G. Tourism	

Operation of A-300 and A-320 in Indian Airlines

1896. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of A-300 and A-320s in the Indian Airlines fleet respectively;

(b) what is the number of them that are fully operational as on date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that approximately half of the fleet is grounded due to lack of spares?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are presently 11 Airbus A-300 and 18 A-320 in the fleet of Indian Airlines.

(b) While 7 Airbus A-300 aircraft and 14 Airbus A-320 aircraft are being scheduled for flight operations as on date, 4 each of Airbus A-300 and Airbus A-320 aircraft are under scheduled maintenance checks.

(c) No, Sir.

Development of Tourism in Ladhak

1897. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 188 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any plan to develop tourist spots in Ladhak and if so, details thereof; and

(b) by when these spots are likely to become fully developed for tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Department of Tourism extends financial assistance for specific projects based on their merit, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. However,

Kulu-Manali-Leh circuit has been identified for intensive development in the National Action Plan for Tourism.

On-line flight schedule performance of Indian Airlines

1898. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any improvement on the on-line flight schedule performance of the Indian Airlines during the first six months of 1992, over the corresponding period of last year;

(b) if so, what is the percentage and details of improvement; and

(c) what steps Government have taken for further improvement?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There has been a 7.21 per cent improvement in the on time performance of Indian Airlines during Jan. — June, 1992 over the corresponding period last year as per details shown below:—

Delays and cancellation per 100 take-offs (per cent)

Jan-June 1991	Jan-June 1992	Difference
36.58	29.37	7.21

(c) The following steps have been taken to improve punctuality of flights:—

(i) Close monitoring of on-time performance at Regional and Headquarters level.

(ii) Rationalising schedule incorporating revised block times and increased ground time as cushion between flights.

(iii) Review of action taken for rectification of snag at region as well as headquarters.

Directive of Indian Commercial pilots Association

1899. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Commercial Pilots Association had issued a directive to its members to stop flying and aircraft to Leh with effect from July 8, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Commercial Pilots Association, Delhi region, issued a directive to its members on 1st July, 1992 directing them not to operate through Leh from 8-7-1992 (12 hrs.) alleging that operation through Leh is hazardous and therefore, the existing risk coverage should be enhanced five times. As a result of this, the line pilots covered by the Association (ICPA) did not operate flight to Leh on 9-7-1992.

(c) It has been decided that compensation as applicable to flights transiting through disturbed areas will be extended to Leh flights as well. In the light of this decision, the directive issued by the Association has been kept in abeyance.